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To: Bureau of Land Management, Authorized Officer  
Subject: Alton Coal Project EIS  
Date: 5-13-2008

Dear Sirs:

I would like to put my name on the list of those who support the Alton Coal Project with consideration of the following comments. The coal can be easily accessible through traditional surface mining techniques which require proper reclamation of top soils and surface topography. With proper mitigation, cattle grazing, hunting and recreational access, water rights, and private property rights can be protected. I have spoken with some of the residents of Alton, Utah who do have a concern with the coal trucks driving through the middle of town. I have also been contacted by residents of Panguitch, and Hatch, Utah who have similar concerns with the truck traffic through their community. Although highway 89 is open to legal truck traffic, consideration should be given to these concerns which could include working with the Utah Department of Transportation on potential bypass routes around these communities. In my legislative position, I understand the great need for a long-term secure coal supply power for our existing coal fired electric power plants. This need will drive the push to develop additional coal supplies for many years into the future or until alternative more efficient base load generation fuels can be developed i.e. nuclear, hydrogen. The EIS does not identify any environmental impacts that cannot be adequately mitigated. Kane County and the State of Utah will benefit greatly from the production of 2.5 million tons of coal from this field. Utah currently received over \$150 million dollars in mineral royalties from mineral development in our state. This funding helps reduce property taxes and income taxes for my constituents. Thank you for considering my comments. If you have questions please contact me at 435-616-5603.

Sincerely,

Representative Michael Noel District #73  
Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, Sevier, Washington, Wayne